

By JOHN W. BECK

EDITORIALS

Return Of A Hero

Residents of Torrance and the southwest area joined all of Southern California in paying tribute to one of this nation's great war heroes, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

The Hero of Bataan, who celebrated his 75th birthday Wednesday, led our forces to victory in Asia during the Second World War. And in peace, he has served these United States with a devotion matched only by his zeal on the battlefield.

Military "brass," top-ranking officials . . . and an estimated one million "plain citizens" gave the General and Mrs. MacArthur a resounding welcome Tuesday evening on their arrival at International Airport.

The esteem in which a man is held during his lifetime is not a true measure of his greatness, although General MacArthur has had more than his share of world-wide recognition.

In addition to his being a great and successful military leader, he also proved himself to be a remarkable administrator, as shown by the manner in which he supervised and engineered the important and critical transitional period from war to peace in Japan.

The name of this patriot will never "fade away," for his deeds are recorded in the history books of the world, in the newspapers of the nation that he has served so well . . . and in the textbooks that are read, perhaps haltingly, by our school children.

As long as there is an American boy in need of a hero to emulate, there will be the name and countenance of General Douglas MacArthur . . . soldier, statesman, and citizen of distinction.

Fusion And Fission

Some folks get excited about splits in the two major political parties. It's just as natural for politicians to fight each other as it is for fish to swim or birds to fly. Put a bunch of politicians in a room with each other and somebody is sure to start a scrap. That's good. It is as characteristically American as the stars and stripes in our flag. Any time our major parties stop having feuds and splits, then we can begin to worry.

The Wall Street Journal said recently: "Any political party, being nothing more than a collection of individuals, has in it tremendous pressure toward fission, because men cannot agree on everything. The result in many places, like France, is a plethora of little parties. But the necessities of political power press toward fusion, and in countries like Britain, where this pressure is dominant, the result is parties bound together under rigid discipline; stability is attained at the price of allowing no dissent . . . American political parties are unique in that they live in precarious defiance of these apparent rules of political stability."

What the Wall Street Journal means is that Americans like to walk in the middle of the road and keep away from the extremes. In the middle of the road you are less likely to get hit on the head by bricks from falling buildings.

We always like to quote from the Wall Street Journal. It gives us a feeling of stability and prosperity. In fact, we always stick a copy of the Wall Street Journal in our side pocket when we visit our banker—just for atmosphere.

Making America Great

With the yearly drive for funds for the Torrance YMCA coming up, it is well to note the success of this organization in furnishing spare-time activities for the city's youngsters.

Since a large share of the city's population includes parents who work, the "Y" offers a wholesome recreational outlet for the pent-up energies of Torrance's younger set.

The "Y" program includes such varied activities as sports, service clubs, camping programs, and social events, as well as training in citizenship.

For clean, wholesome fun, how many organizations can beat the Y's summer day camps, camping and snow trips, or it's holiday fun clubs.

Practical training in government affairs will be available to two Torrance youngsters, who were selected this week to represent this area in the model Legislature which will meet in Sacramento on Feb. 16, 17, and 18. Alex Merola will represent her area in the Assembly, while Linda Halbert will become a senator. Both will be able to share their experiences with fellow members.

What better investment could be made in the future?

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

THE COWBOY SENATOR! HENRY FOUNTAIN AGHURST—ex-Senator from Arizona AT 21 ONCE UP PUNCHING COWS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE—AND 2 YEARS LATER BECAME SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE! (Youngest man to hold such a position)

HOW WERE HOTTESTOTS NAMED? Neal I save—

THE BLUE BOY! LOYD C. OILBERT—CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONAL PIONEER, TURNED BLUE FROM HEAD TO FOOT—FROM WASHING HIS PATRIOTIC SUIT IN A SHOWER WITHOUT TAKING IT OFF!



THE SEA OF AZON—IS NOWHERE OVER 45 FEET DEEP—AND IS GETTING SHALLOWER EVERY DAY! TEEMING WITH FISH, IT IS CALLED THE FISH SEA BY TURKS!



The OF ALL THINGS SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

I'd rather try bailing the ocean, Or shoveling away a big mountain, Than swallow a couple of aspirin, Stopped over a drinking fountain.

Wilfrid Delquest, who really has his finger on the pulse of the times, writes that the march of time is shown by the changing tenor with which Papa speaks to his sassy child: In 1830: "Hush your meat trap 'fore I warn your bottom!" In 1880: "That ain't no way to talk to yore Maw!" In 1900: "You hadn't ought to use such language!" In 1910: "Now, see what you went and done, your Maw's a-cryin'!" In 1955: "Really, darling, your mind is disturbed; wouldn't you like to be psychoanalyzed?"

Some Old Wives Tales: L. A. Wachlin said you can always tell a married man. He's listening . . . Fran Rodman reports that a wife is a woman who resents it if her husband speaks while she is interrupting . . . Ham Park believes there would be fewer divorcees if the wife tried as hard to keep her husband as she did to get him . . . There are no irresistible women, only unresisting men . . . In these days of frozen foods, a good cook is a wife who serves a meal she thawed out all by herself . . . Marriage often gives single men a new lease on life—at twice the rent . . .

Isn't science wonderful? Streamlined automobiles with 200 horsepower engines, jet aircraft that can pierce the sonic barrier, H-bombs that can transform whole cities into a gaping crater, electronic brains that can do the work of a thousand men in making complex calculations in a split second. All of these are the result of man's wonderful brain. But he still can't make a blade of grass.

Pity the poor politician. Among the weighty problems which will face the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors when they meet tomorrow is a request from the Los Angeles County Museum for authority to accept \$25 from USC as compensation for loss of one East African basket from an exhibition of native arts loaned to the University. The political observers have not come up with a prediction on the trend which is developing for this serious matter.

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OF ALL THINGS INCOME TAX

By Robert B. Martin

He was a man. He sweated half of his life away at a thankless job. He made his buck. Perhaps he sold a little of his soul in doing so. But he made it. He made a pile of dollars and, in his middle age, had time to look around. He met a creature . . . the kind that he had never really known before. A woman. And they were married. We should end our story at this point . . . but that would be a fairy-tale type of story. We are dealing with flesh and blood in this column. He thought the struggle was over. "This is my life," he told himself. He would stay with her for all time, he said. And she would stay with him. They would both enjoy the buck he'd made. It was called a crime of passion. He asked for death on the gallows. He said he wanted it that way. They gave him life in prison. Her lover was a shadow that could not be touched by the law of common man. He had fled into the darkness from whence he had come. He'd committed no crime . . . no crime at all. He cried out to her and asked her, "why?" She tried to speak, but there were no words. Her lover fled. They found her in the morning. Her vacant eyes told little of the horror she had known in the final moments of her life. Her husband . . . they found him at her side. He was stroking her hair . . . holding her stiffened hand . . . and crooning a nameless lullaby. Yes . . . he had killed her. He had gripped her about the throat. He had pressed his thumbs against her windpipe. She'd struggled and scratched and kicked for an eternity. Once, she got away. She fell against a window and pulled down the venetian blinds, but he caught her and looped the cord that works the blinds around her throat. He pulled it taut . . . taut . . . until her life was over. His life was over too. It was called a crime of passion. He asked for death on the gallows. He said he wanted it that way. They gave him life in prison. Her lover was a shadow that could not be touched by the law of common man. He had fled into the darkness from whence he had come. He'd committed no crime . . . no crime at all. He cried out to her and asked her, "why?" She tried to speak, but there were no words.

OUT OF THE PAST

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10 YEARS AGO January, 1945

THIS students were preparing to draw up agreements for peace after police broke up a riot between boys of Mexican descent and those of European ancestry. Chains, blackjacks and other weapons were found in trees and bushes in front of Torrance High School. The fight reportedly started when a Mexican stole some cigarettes from another . . . O. L. Willett announced he was resigning as chairman of the committee to set up a new junior college, which eventually became El Camino . . . Torrance's eighth and highest enrollment was 1090 students . . . Clarence Manion, of Chicago, was in town to organize a new Lions Club . . . A survey indicated that food for the average family cost \$20 a week.

Operation Blackout

SECRET: It is not surprising that we are being kept in ignorance of what may soon happen to us through the adoption of certain proposals for strengthening and amending the United Nations Charter. The Charter itself, which is a treaty, was hastily ratified before we had the slightest chance to inform ourselves of its actual provisions and implications. The same method of blacking out information until public protest would be too late was followed with respect to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the NATO Status of Forces agreement, and hundreds of other treaties and executive agreements, some now known and many still secret. It is not likely that most Americans would tolerate plans for the destruction of their liberty and independence if they were informed in time to object. But they are not informed. On the contrary, propaganda for the UN and its agencies, and for various internationalist schemes, is constantly placed before their eyes and dinned into their ears under such deceptive labels as "world peace" and "collective security."

TREATY LAW: United Nations and world government enthusiasts are using most effectively the current and spurious interpretation of the supremacy of treaties and executive agreements over the Constitution of the United States, hence their violent opposition to the Bricker amendment. With four of the present members of the U. S. Supreme Court having already upheld treaty supremacy, and with the present nominee reported to be a member of the Atlantic Union committee, hope for reversal of such an interpretation seems remote. Yet if it is allowed to stand, it means that any President can, with the consent of two-thirds of the senators present and voting, make a treaty or executive agreement with any foreign nation or group of nations, surrendering U. S. sovereignty and all of our Constitutional rights and protections. We are just that close to destruction through the treaty-making power. The UN Charter, it must be remembered, is a treaty, already ratified and in effect. Clearly written into the Charter were provisions for its amendment. Certain features of these provisions come into force automatically at the tenth annual session of the General Assembly, an event of this year.

WORLD GOVERNMENT: Busy internationalists both here and abroad have already submitted their proposals for strengthening and amending the UN Charter into a rigid and irrevocable world government and are vigorously pushing for their adoption at the amendment conference to be set in 1955. But the nation's major information outlets have drawn a curtain of silence over the appalling details of these amendment proposals. Among the few nationally circulated publications which have not joined in Operation Blackout on the plans for world government through amendment of the UN Charter are National Republic magazine ("Blueprint for National Suicide," Oct. 1954), 511 Eleventh Street, Washington 4, D. C.; and Task Force, published by The Defenders of The American Constitution, Inc., 210 E. 43rd St., Rm. 320, New York 17, N. Y.

PLAN DISCLOSED: The January, 1955, issue of Task Force carries a vitally important article, "One Worlders' Plan Disclosed," by Eugene Cowles Pomeroy. Accompanying Col. Pomeroy's article, which has been carefully documented, is a map showing the division of the world into zones and regions to be controlled by the World Government when it comes into force through amendment of the UN Charter. On this map the United States is divided into four regions. "In each region a Director or Commissar will be appointed by the One World Government, to govern the region according to laws given him by the appointing authority. No former citizen or subject of any region may fill the office of Director or Commissar for that region." In the southern region of the U. S., Col. Pomeroy continues, "We could expect to have a Mau Mau Chief as Commissar." The northern region, "quite likely would be under the dictatorship of Huk Philippines while the Pacific Coast states in all likelihood could expect a Red Chinese as their overlord." Our immigration laws would no longer protect us from inundation by hordes of all races and nationalities, and "The American branch of the white race . . . would take its place in history along with the Aztecs." An International Police will be established to enforce the decree of the World Government. "We can look forward to being policed by Turks, Hindus, African Tribesmen and Red Chinese distributed throughout the four regions (of the U. S.)"

1776-1960: Will our Republic's tombstone bear the dates 1776-1960? Col. Pomeroy feels, and with justification, that the present constituency of our Senate will look favorably upon the UN Charter amendments. "From there on, the UN will form the One World Government." In the January issue of Task Force, "Then decide whether you agree with the internationalists that we "must support and strengthen the United Nations."

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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT

BY FRANKLIN J. MEENE

FACTS revealed in a state survey disclose that the chronic traffic-law violator was involved in five times as many accidents as the average automobile driver. Reason: driver cared for law rather than ignorance of it.

APPROXIMATELY 59 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE MEMBERS OF SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION. Here's laid 62 billion eggs in the U.S. during 1953, 30 times as many as supply each person with about 400 eggs.

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